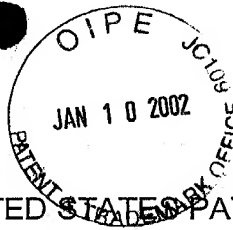


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Dear Sir:

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Action dated April 20, 2001.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 25-27 directed to a non-elected product without prejudice. Applicants may elect to prosecute such claims in a divisional application.

The claims that are amended as shown in the attached Appendix appear in clean form as follows: